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PATENT APPLICATION

FOR NATIONAL PHASE SUBMISSION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Wilfried Breuer et al.
Serial Number: Unassigned
Filed: July 11, 2006
Group Art: Unassigned
Examiner: Unassigned
Title: **SPARK GAP COMPRISING AN OPTICALLY
TRIGGERED POWER SEMICONDUCTOR
COMPONENT**

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Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir or Madam:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review of this national stage application referenced above by Wilfried Breuer et al. entitled "SPARK GAP COMPRISING AN OPTICALLY TRIGGERED POWER SEMICONDUCTOR COMPONENT" filed July 11, 2006, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.